

Park Street, Bristol, Nov^r 18-1846.

My dear Mr Chapman,

At the risk of wearying you with my letters I address you once more, to enclose the few handwritten I promised you respecting the Bristol contributors. They are as you will perceive strictly heads collected to save you any further reference; you will of course make use of any or not just as is most suitable. When drawing up the account of the Fair, only it struck me that if your ^{limits} ~~limits~~ ^{limits} you to pay a passing compliment to the things of most worth to you, such as I presume, the ones specified are likely to prove; it may be a hint, to future donors to substitute them for trumpery. In case you sh^d only have room to enter a few names, I will underline those most deserving of notice as far as I can rec^d them. I enclose a little notice of Mr Garrison's departure w^{ch} my Father inserted in the Bristol papers, & you will also receive an Inquirer in w^{ch} you will see it copied with an Editorial article. We sent a number of copies of this little paragraph to be enclosed in the Letter box & also a copy of the article on American Slavery extracted from the Christian Examiner; but from an application for the address ^{of the box w^{ch}} we have rec^d long subsequently, I fear that collection will not reach you by the present steamer. Mr Bishop speaks of it as a "chest"; & says the things have attracted much notice & interest in the Town. I hope they will reach you in time for the Fair. There is also enclosed in that box a set of astronomical diagrams w^{ch} were out of print when we were disposing of our money donations, but w^{ch} have just been republished; I tried in vain to procure them before, & gladly laid out 1/2 of our remaining^g on them, for they will be sure to sell from their intrinsic merits besides having probably the charm of novelty. I fear you must have been put to considerable inconvenience, by not receiving the letter w^{ch} I sent to Mr Garrison, (under the impression that he w^d sail Oct. 19.) at the same time as the box; but are now procuring you have in possession of all the communications from us w^{ch} he kindly took charge of. We have been rejoicing much in the thought of his being now safely restored to his attached family & friends. I cannot describe to you what we all felt at his departure but ^{myself} ~~with~~ ^{myself} I give a few lines out of a reply of my Father's to a letter from Mr Wigham of Edinburgh, who alluded feelingly to the saying that they who were absent from Liverpool on the occasion of his departure, were present in spirit.

"Of the meeting - & the parting at Liverpool, you cannot exaggerate the
 "interesting character. It now seems to me a sort of romance. Never shall
 "I forget the appearance of Mr Garrison standing alone upon the lofty
 "saloon deck of the Acadia when his crowd of friends had left him. I
 "could fancy him a spirit on its way to heaven. And when we returned
 "to the hotel we had left, to consult upon the course of our future efforts -
 "our friend & guide no longer of our number, I hope there was nothing
 "irrevocable in the thought that, wandering back to an earlier period
 "of a holier occasion, I did not avoid drawing a felt tho' faint comparison."

Mary A Estlin
 1846

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in case there is any possibility of them, will write with the hope
 but no steps are yet determined upon. We are much
 grieved to learn that Miss Carpenter of Westfield seems to
 be so bad health. I hope before she leaves her home as the
 friend of the American people to have her share in
 "dear Miss" married life. I hope you will be able to see her
 of her devoted husband. Her course of studies for her
 we are very well pleased her. Please to offer our affectionate
 regards to Mr Garrison & accept my sincere kind wishes
 from my sincerely yours
 Mary A Estlin.

But it is quite time to stop writing; things seem to multiply each time I begin to
 hold intercourse with you. Mr Clapp is in these parts & seems in great favor with the
 peace & temperance advocates. We have read the June & July Liberator & therefore
 know how to take his statements. He speaks very respectfully of Mr Garrison & the
 Am. A. S. S. alleging the violence of its supporters as his ground for separation, on
 all ^{language} points we can judge for ourselves. We do not hear of his having made friends
 among the Anti-Slavery party here but do not know enough to speak with con-
 fidence. May keep all this quite private. My Father declined an invitation
 to meet him last evening in private at Miss Carpenter's to whom he had an inter-
 duction from her brother. Our minister Mr James preached last Sunday
 on the incongruity of Slaveholding ^{with the} profession of Christianity, alluding to the mistake in
 A meeting of the Comtee is to be held at this house to-morrow after W. Hays will
 record two enrolling members &c. The old "Ladies' Comtee" seems likely to dissolve.

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